

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion County Board of Commissioners intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Office of Community Development to access approximately \$40.7 million of funding available under the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, a federally-funded program administered by the State of Ohio.

The County will be eligible for \$150,000 of CDBG Community Development Formula Allocation in Program Year 2018, and up to \$300,000 of each of three competitive set-aside programs: Downtown Revitalization (300,000), Neighborhood Revitalization (500,000), and Critical Infrastructure Investment (\$300,000); and up to \$300,000 of CHIP funding, providing the County meets applicable program requirements.

CDBG Community Development Formula Allocation funding requests from eligible entities are due to the Marion County Regional Planning Commission (222 W. Center St., 2nd floor, Marion, OH 43302) by May 11, 2018. Projects will be reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission's Community Development Committee and the County Commissioners. The Community Development application to ODSA is due in June 15, 2018. Marion County may apply for funding under the following programs:

- Community Development Program (\$150,000)
- Community Housing Impact & Prevention Program (CHIP) (\$300,000)
- Economic Development Loan & Public Infrastructure Grant Program (500,000)
- Fair Housing-New Horizon Fair Housing Assistance Program (15,000)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDs (HOPWA) Program (variable)
- Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program (\$600,000)
- Supportive Housing, Homeless Crisis Response, & Housing Assistance Grant Programs (500,000)
- And Any New Programs Announced Under the CDBG, HOME, and OHTF Programs

The first public hearing will be held May 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. during a regular Commissioners meeting at the County Commissioners Hearing Room, at the Marion County Bldg., 222 West Center Street. The purpose of the hearing is to more fully explain the programs that could be applied for and to provide residents and officials an opportunity to ask questions and give suggestions.

The programs can fund a range of activities, including economic development, housing rehabilitation, and public facilities. Activities must be designed to benefit low- and moderate -income persons. The projects must also be capable of being completed from start to finish in a usually 24 month period, which time includes environmental review, engineering or architectural drawings, easements, acquisitions, bidding, construction work and closeout reports.

The activities must be designed to meet one of the CDBG National Objectives to primarily benefit low and moderate income persons, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community, and also comply with the applicable Program Objectives as outlined in the Ohio Consolidated Plan.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing to provide their input on the Marion County's CDBG program. Should any participant require auxiliary aids due to disability or non-English languages, or wish to submit written comments prior to the hearing, please contact the Marion County Board of Commissioners at the address above.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners

April 20, 2018